

December 13, 2007

BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the**
2 **purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects; and providing for an**
3 **effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. For the purpose of paying the cost of design and
8 construction of state transportation projects, general obligation bonds of the state in the
9 principal amount of not more than \$140,000,000, if ratified by a majority of the qualified
10 voters of the state who vote on the question, shall be issued and sold. The full faith, credit,
11 and resources of the state are pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest and
12 redemption premium, if any, on the bonds. The bonds shall be issued under the provisions of
13 AS 37.15 as those provisions read at the time of issuance.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 2008 TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified
3 by a majority of the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, a special fund of
4 the state to be known as the "2008 transportation project fund" shall be established, to which
5 shall be credited the proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sec. 1 of this Act except for
6 the accrued interest and premiums.

7 * **Sec. 3.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES. The amount
10 of \$121,100,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department
11 of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following projects in the
12 amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

13 PROJECT	ALLOCATION
14 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Project	\$22,100,000
15 (Dowling Road - Old Seward Highway	
16 to Minnesota Drive)	
17 Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Study (Northern	2,000,000
18 Access to University Medical District Study)	
19 Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000
20 Kenai Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
21 Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
22 Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
23 Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety	20,000,000
24 Improvements	
25 Southeast Alaska: Pavement Rehabilitation	15,000,000
26 Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway	15,000,000
27 Area Traffic Improvements	

28 * **Sec. 4.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
29 read:

30 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC
31 DEVELOPMENT. The amount of \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation

1 project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be
2 awarded as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for expansion of the
3 Port of Anchorage.

4 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. The amount of \$8,900,000 is
7 appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department of Natural
8 Resources for the South Denali Access Road Design and Construction project.

9 * **Sec. 6.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
10 read:

11 STATE BOND COMMITTEE. If the issuance of the bonds is ratified by a majority of
12 the qualified voters of the state who vote on the question, the amount of \$700,000 or as much
13 of that amount as is found necessary is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
14 state bond committee to carry out the provisions of this Act and to pay expenses incident to
15 the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized in this Act. The amounts expended from the
16 appropriation authorized by this section shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the
17 proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by this Act.

18 * **Sec. 7.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
19 read:

20 ADVANCE PLANNING. The amount withdrawn from the public facility planning
21 fund (AS 35.10.135) for the purpose of advance planning for the capital improvements
22 financed under this Act shall be reimbursed to the fund from the proceeds of the sale of bonds
23 authorized by this Act.

24 * **Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
25 read:

26 LAPSE; REDEMPTION; REIMBURSEMENT. The unexpended and unobligated
27 balance of the appropriations made in secs. 3 - 5 of this Act lapses under AS 37.25.020 and is
28 appropriated to the state bond committee to redeem bonds sold under this Act. The amounts
29 expended from the general fund to pay the principal, interest, and redemption premium on
30 bonds issued under this Act shall be reimbursed to the general fund from the appropriation
31 made under this section to the extent that the money is not needed to redeem the bonds.

1 * **Sec. 9.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
2 read:

3 BALLOT QUESTION. The question whether the bonds authorized in this Act are to
4 be issued shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the next general election and
5 shall read substantially as follows:

6 P R O P O S I T I O N

7 State General Obligation Transportation Project Bonds
8 \$140,000,000

9 Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in
10 the principal amount of not more than \$140,000,000 for the
11 purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

12 Bonds Yes []

13 Bonds No []

14 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).